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## SUPT. HARRY MINTO SHOT TO DEATH BY ESCAPING CONVICT

### Otto Hooker Shoots Jefferson Marshall and Takes Officer's Gun

## WARDEN INSTANTLY KILLED AT MILLERSBURG

### Posse Organized and Officers Hasten To Join Hunt For Murderer

Warden Harry Minto of the Oregon State penitentiary was shot and instantly killed at about 11:30 last night by Otto Hooker, an escaped convict whom Warden Minto, Guard Walter Johnson and Guard Sam Burkhardt were hunting. The three prison officials left this city in an auto and went to Albany following the trail of the fugitive who had shot City Marshal J. J. Benson, of Jefferson, and taken the officer's gun. They were coming back from Albany toward Millersburg when they suddenly ran upon the convict and saw him disappear in the brush along the roadside.

### Story of the Shooting.

According to the story told to Coroner Clough who returned to this city with the body of Warden Minto last night, Mr. Minto and Guard Walter Johnson were looking over the country about three miles north of Albany near Millersburg. They stopped their machine at a clump of brush and decided to look through it for their man. Minto started through one part of the brush patch and Johnson through another. Evidently Mr. Minto met Hooker face to face, and the eyes and ears of the hunter being keener than those of the hunted, Mr. Minto was shot full in the face before he had a chance to draw his gun.

The bullet entered the left side of his nose and passed entirely through the head coming out at the back of his neck just below the hair line on the right side. The gun with which Mr. Minto was shot was a 32 calibre automatic and death was instantaneous. Walter Johnson heard the shot and ran around to where Warden Minto's body was lying. He emptied his gun into the brush but on account of the darkness was unable to catch a glimpse of the murderer.

Hooker was sent up from Umatilla county to serve a sentence of from one to 2 1/2 years for burglary. He was 21 years of age, five feet ten inches tall and weighs 156 pounds. His complexion is light and his hair light brown with grayish blue eyes, by occupation he is a laundryman. He had been a good prisoner at the pen and the officials did not anticipate any trouble with him as he had no quarrel with the warden.

### Posse Is Organized.

As soon as the news reached this city last night a posse was immediately organized in which were Sheriff Each and Deputy Sheriff Oscar Bower, Chief of Police Welsh, Special Officer Varney, and Dave Drager. Poses were also made up in Albany and in Jefferson to search the country for the outlaw. Last night Walter Johnson, who was with Warden Minto at the time the warden was shot, telephoned that they thought they had Hooker surrounded in an old house and were watching the place until daylight.

### Governor Is Shocked.

"In the death of Harry Minto the

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## Abe Martin



Th' feller who owes everything 't his wife generally owes a lot 't other people. Th' feller who leaves th' farm these days is either lazy or crazy.

## ARDMORE'S DEBRIS YIELDING VICTIMS OF GREAT EXPLOSION

### FIFTY RECOVERED

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 28.—Bodies dragged out of the smoldering ruins of Ardmore's business section, plus deaths from injuries, brought the death toll from the oil tank explosion and fire here up to 50 by noon today. Workers were still frantically picking at the piles of debris believing that even more dead would be dragged out. Some hoped that a few more would be found alive.

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 28.—Scores of workmen dug today into the smoldering ruins of Ardmore's business section for additional bodies of victims of yesterday's oil explosion and fire. Anxious citizens, among them many women, watched the workers, in fear that their labor would mean that the present casualty list of 40 dead, and 200 severely wounded would be swelled before night. The property loss stood at a half million dollars.

Two workmen repairing an oil tank near the Santa Fe depot were unintentionally responsible for the holocaust. One hammer struck the car, causing off in a shower of sparks that blew up the 250 barrel gasoline tank with a roar that could be heard for miles. This explosion was followed by a series of other lesser ones, while the flames swept into the business section close at hand. The union depot tumbled into a pile of wreckage, while the Rock Island freight house and scores of buildings nearby took fire. This spread until Main street was a furnace. Clouds of smoke from the flaming buildings prevented effective rescue work. The city's small fire department battled desperately to check the fires in the larger structures, but despite their efforts, it was not until late last night that they were under control.

The city today is under martial law, while the grim work of hunting victims imprisoned perhaps beneath falling walls, proceeds. The hospitals are filled to overflowing and private homes have been thrown open to care for the injured in the great catastrophe that has stunned this city of 10,000. Every physician in town is busy and additional doctors have come from Marietta and Wilson to aid.

Many dead and injured were taken to their homes by relatives, hence it was impossible early today accurately to estimate the casualty toll. Officials hoped against hope that it would not run above their preliminary figures of 35 dead, though they scarcely believed the hunt through the smoking ruins would not reveal additional wounded. Only a few of the 35 known victims had been identified this forenoon, and identification of many will probably never be made as their bodies were mangled and burned almost beyond recognition.

Fifteen of the dead are negroes. Five victims died in the hospitals this morning, making the total known dead 40. Six other bodies are believed to be in the ruins of a pool room from which already seven bodies have been taken.

Grave fears were felt for the safety of women and girls employed and shoppers in the Madden & Co. department store. There the rescue corps centered much of its work this morning, working at top speed to pry away big blocks of cement and brick.

Falling walls were responsible for

## GRAND ARMY MEN IN ANNUAL SESSION

### Three Thousand Veterans Have Already Arrived at National Capital

Washington, Sept. 28.—The men who fifty years ago were the "boys in blue" opened today the formal proceedings of the Grand Army of the Republic, 49th annual encampment—perhaps the last great encampment they will ever attend.

Reunions among the gray haired, tottering veterans, however, made the set program pale into insignificance. The battles of the war between the states, with their thrilling escapades were remembered. Three thousand veterans, garbed in their blue uniforms had registered last night while 300 more trains today swelled the number of visitors by thousands but the climax of the encampment will come tomorrow during a parade when "this blue line" will retrace the path it took fifty years ago from the capitol through Pennsylvania avenue to the treasury in the first grand review under the eyes of President Johnson and General Grant.

The parade will be exclusively G. A. R. While knots of confederates in gray intermingled with the G. A. R. throngs by special invitation, and were "comrades" with them, they will not

## ATTENDANCE PICKS UP ON SECOND DAY AS OLD SOL SMILES

### Prospect of Fast Races Draws Increasing Throng to Fair Grounds Track

Today is Good Roads' day at the state fair and the increased attendance indicates that the fair visitors have confidence in the Oregon weather to hold good for the remainder of the week. The sky was clear last night and the sunshine that oozed through the rifts in the clouds yesterday more than warmed up the optimism of the fair officials. The track is rapidly drying out and the races this afternoon were much faster than yesterday's when the horses were unable to keep to the pole on account of the heavy going.

Salem day, which is tomorrow, promises to start the real interest and record attendance is predicted. Tomorrow is also state societies day and campers' night. The campers' night is being featured by the fair officials and the Mayor Tozier emptytown and a special program has been arranged for the fair visitors which includes a dance and a general good time. There will be plenty of music and the Salem band will be in attendance in addition to the regular state fair band.

The Good Roads' program was held this morning in the new pavilion auditorium with Julius Meier, of Portland, president of the State Good Roads' association, presiding. A number of good addresses on roads and road building were heard in which tribute was paid in particular to Columbia highway and plans outlined for a general system of trunk roads through the state. The spectators were advised to look over the road machinery being exhibited at the fair and the pavement laid inside the fair grounds by Marion county was also called to the attention of the listeners. The woman's day program began this afternoon at 2 o'clock with a reception in the new pavilion and a program provided over by Mrs. L. M. Vail and held under the auspices of the woman's club of the state.

The state sanitary board met this morning to try to untangle the controversy which may bar all livestock exhibited at the Oregon state fair from competition in the fair at San Francisco. Charges were made that a movement was on foot to turn the \$175,000 which was to be paid in premiums to northwest stock back into the general treasury at the San Francisco fair and thus boost the dividends by a juicy million. The old "foot and mouth" disease was brought into play and George J. Grout and A. P. Arrp, of Duluth, Minn., may be prohibited from showing their stock at San Francisco as well as the Oregon state fair.

Grout and Arrp have shown their herds of Guernseys and Polled Angus cattle at Helena, Mont., at Spokane and at North Yakima, and then brought them on to the Oregon state fair where they are now standing on the side track. The situation is thus complicated as the California officials have put a ban on stock from Minnesota where it is claimed that the foot and mouth disease was most prevalent and they also claim that all cattle exhibited at the fairs above mentioned were exposed to the contagion and it is possible that no stock from the northwest will be allowed to enter California until after a siege of quarantine which will be too late for the fair. This would result in the fair officials at San Francisco declaring not enough stock to make an exhibit from the northwest and would cause \$175,000 to be turned back into the fair coffers.

After the meeting this morning the sanitary board decided to hold the four carloads of blooded stock belonging to Arrp and Grout on the siding until October 1 on which date the Guernseys and Polled cattle are to be judged and it is hoped to have the matter settled by this time. The government officials have declared Arrp's and Grout's cattle to be free from all signs of the disease but State Veterinarian Keene, of California, wants to look them over for himself and the red tape may bar all northwest cattle from the competition at the Panama fair though the livestock officials at the Oregon state fair were hopeful that the stock would be admitted without being forced into quarantine.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight fair, cooler interior north-west portion, frost east portion, Wednesday generally fair, warmer except near coast; easterly winds.

## GUARD JOHNSON TELLS OF DEATH OF WARDEN AT CONVICT'S HANDS

Somewhere in the timber in the Willamette river bottom, a few miles north of Albany, with four shells in the chamber of his revolver, is Otto Hooker the convict who killed Warden Harry Minto last night. The revolver, a 38 Colt Special, was the property of Marshall J. J. Denson, of Jefferson who was shot and severely wounded by the convict in his flight from the Oregon state penitentiary.

Chief of Police Welsh returned to this city at 1 o'clock after an all night search for the outlaw who will not hesitate to kill any man who attempts to stop him as he already has the blood of two men on his hands. Chief Welsh brought back Guard Walter Johnson's story of the killing which is the first authentic news to reach this city. According to Johnson, Guards Bodine and Rogers and Warden Minto and himself made up a party of four who were searching for the convict and following his trail from Salem to Albany. They were in Albany when they heard of the shooting of Marshall Denson in Jefferson. They started at once for Jefferson on foot with Minto and Johnson following the S. P. tracks and Bodine and Rogers on the wagon road. About one fourth mile south of Millersburg and about two and one half miles north of Albany they heard the gravel along the track being disturbed. Minto and Johnson had been walking on either side of the track along the right of way and they waited until the figure of a man loomed up in the darkness.

Johnson called to Minto to be careful and to drop out of sight until they could get the drop on the convict as he was known to be a desperate man. Johnson pulled his gun and stopped, crouched down along side of the fence to wait until Hooker came by. Johnson thought Minto was near to him until ahead of him down the track he heard Minto cry out:

"You halt!"

Two guns cracked together at almost the same instant and Johnson ran ahead toward the noise to see a man fleeing down the track. Johnson emptied his Colt's revolver after the fugitive but soon lost him in the darkness. Up to this time he did not know but that Warden Minto was also shooting as Johnson's Colt makes a noise that drowns out smaller arms. When he stopped to reload his gun he called to Minto and received no response. He returned to the clump of brush and saw him lying stretched out on the ground. Johnson spoke to him and called him by name and then felt under his coat only to find out that the stout heart of the warden was still and a flash of the pocket lamp revealed the bullet hole near the base of the nose on the left side of the face.

The man hunters had agreed upon the signal of firing two shots to call them together in case the man was located

## Bloodhounds Get No Scent.

The posse pursuing Hooker, the murderer of Prison Superintendent Minto, put the bloodhounds on his trail near Conser station on the Oregon Electric this afternoon but they failed to pick up the scent. The belief is growing that Hooker caught one of the midnight trains out of the country.

## BASEBALL TODAY

American League	R. H. E.
Detroit	0 3 0
Washington	3 3 4
Oldham and Stange; Johnson and Ainsmith. Dube replaced Oldham.	
National League	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	6 9 0
Brooklyn	4 8 4
Chalmers and Burns; Cheney, Dell and Miller. Mails replaced Dell.	
Cincinnati	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	3 7 2
Dale and Wingo; Douglas, Pierce and Arciere.	
Second game	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	0 7 1
Chicago	5 7 0
Schneider and Wingo; Hoeg and Breenahan.	
Federal League	R. H. E.
Newark	2 2 4
Pittsburg	7 10 0
Moseley and Hariden; Knuetter and O'Connor.	
Baltimore	R. H. E.
Baltimore	2 5 3
Kansas City	3 8 2
Leclair and Owens; Cullop and Eastery.	

## STATE FAIR RACES TODAY

The results of the races at the fair grounds today are as follows:

Race 1.  
Three-year-old trot: Oregon Futurity; Helen Belle, first.  
Ruth Ansel, second.  
Coos Boy, divides with Ruth Ansel for second.

Sels Crusas, third. Time, 2:27.  
Race 2, 2:15 Trot.  
Bonnie Ansel, first.  
Wild Girl, second.  
Oakland Moore, third.

## REPORTS CONFLICT FROM CAPITOLS OF BELLIGERENTS

### Paris Claims Armies Are Making Steady Progress In West

## BERLIN SAYS ALLIES COMPLETELY CHECKED

### Petrograd Reports More Violent Fighting Along East Front

Paris, Sept. 28.—Despite violent resistance, the French have made further gains in the Champagne region and around Arras, it was officially claimed today.

Fighting in the past 24 hours has been attended by heavy losses on both sides.

Steady streams of fire are playing across the Champagne and Artois fronts and the allies are continuing their offensive.

Continuing their steady onslaughts during the night, the French approached the hills east and south of Soissons, the scene of much bloody fighting in the past year.

The French stormed several strong second line positions in the Champagne. Slight progress was made toward La Justice, north of Maasges and west of Ville Tourbe. Elsewhere the French inflicted heavy losses on the Germans though they were unable to penetrate the latter's wire defense network.

The German crown prince's attempted diversion in the Argonne has proved fruitless. Last night the French recovered most of the ground they had lost there.

The slopes of the hill known as the "daughter of death" are strewn with German corpses following a desperate charge of 18 battalions against this position last night. The French repulsed this attack, mowing down hundreds of the oncoming Teutons under a terrible fire.

General Marchand has been gravely wounded by a piece of shell in his spine, according to dispatches received here today. He was taken to a field hospital.

Allies Are Checked.  
Berlin, via London, Sept. 28.—Allies attacks along the great western battle line yesterday and last night were heavily repulsed, today's official statement claimed. Their onslaughts are continuing with unabated violence in every sector, but they have been unable to pierce the German front. French forces, said the statement, suffered extremely heavy losses in the Champagne. Their cavalry attacks were repeatedly repulsed.

Artillery and machine guns poured a merciless fire upon them forcing them to flee in confusion.

The gallantry of the Saxon and the Frankfurt troops was especially mentioned.

On the eastern front, Prince Leopold's Bavarians have captured the bridgeheads of Baranovitch.

The allies' attack on the western front is already considered a failure by critics here. They don't believe that the enemy can pierce the German front. General Von Linsingen's men have crossed the Styrl below Lutsk. Russians are retreating in the Dnub region, while southwest of Dvinsk they have again been defeated.

Around Vilna, General Von Elchorn has captured 2,378 men, three cannon and 72 machine guns. Northeast of Wisniev, 346 prisoners have been taken.

The official statement claims that the Germans have not only halted the allied offensive on the western front but have gained ground around the hill known as the "daughter of death" where the French statement said the slopes were covered with German dead. Prisoners taken on the western front total 3,307.

Bulgarian Minister Leaves.  
The Serbian ambassador to Bulgaria is leaving Sofia on the pretext that his health is failing, according to dispatches to Budapest today.

Bulgarian consuls in Macedonia have been recalled under the same pretext. Premier Rudakov is understood to have informed the Serbian envoy concerning the consuls when the ambassador went to say good bye to him.

Fighting Is More Violent.  
Petrograd, Sept. 28.—Russian warships bombarded German positions near the Gulf of Riga Saturday and silenced the Teuton batteries, it was officially announced today.

A chase shot from the Germans struck a Russian vessel and killed the commander, Prince Wisninski, Captain Swinn and five others in addition to wounding eight sailors.

Around Dvinsk and southeast of Riga the battle is growing more violent. The Germans have replenished their diminishing ammunition supplies and are bombarding positions along the Dvina. The Russians, however, are more than

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